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## AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT

THEATRE PARK—"The Merry Men."  
 THEATRE MAISON—"The Merry Men."  
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"Hear both sides" has been improved upon by Senator Sherman. His motto has been, "Be on both sides."

Perhaps it is Huntington's high opinion of Olney that keeps him from worrying over the Central Pacific suits.

Is Joseph Medill were to become Senator from Illinois and vote as he thinks, the country would not be poorly served.

Is the Sugar Trust pays starvation wages to its employees, what is to become of the rest of the "American system?"

MUCH would be forgiven Grover Cleveland if he should stand by Uncle Samuel in the contest with the Pacific Railroad robbers.

Should Timothy Tarnsey's coat of tar and feathers send him to Congress it will not be so humiliating as it may just now seem to him.

People contemplating a career of crime should take care to get within the jurisdiction of the St. Louis criminal court and stay there.

The gold reserve is now at its lowest point. The same thing may be said with some confidence of the Democratic party. Pass the Wilson bill.

Boss Crocker is coming back just after the adjournment of the Lexow Committee, which suggests the thought that perhaps Ziegenheim's books will turn up when the Grand Jury dissolves.

COLLIER HUNTINGTON may have been right in writing of Congressman Piper as a wild hog. There is an impression that Collie himself has done some hogging in his day, and that he may be something of an authority on hogs.

Because the Missouri delegation to the Convention of League Clubs at Denver carried an ample supply of the article that was stolen from the ex-President in California, it must not be inferred that the delegates are all Harrison men.

HIGH TARIFF journals are praising Senator Hill's latest speech as a very great one, yet his fellow-stampers of the Senate sat and worked out puzzles while he was delivering it. Perhaps Senators are weary of "very great" speeches.

JUDON EDMUNDS may not be right in his conclusion that crime can only be checked by swift and certain punishment, but that is undoubtedly the most important factor. The criminal records of this city show how crime flourishes on the opposite coast.

A MOR is as great a fool as an Anarchist. No sooner had President Carnot been stabbed than the popular fury was directed against wholly innocent and inoffensive Italians merely because the assassin happened to be a native of Italy.

It is possible that the book-worms in the basement of the Court-house concentrated and in a single night devoured Mr. Ziegenheim's missing volumes. At times the book-worm grows ravenous, unscrupulous and hostile to Grand-jury investigations.

"DE OLD MAN" query. "Who in the devil is Kerens?" would seem to indicate that there is any such person as Kerens that person would find it exceedingly difficult to identify himself. No doubt the earth will swallow him soon if it has not already done so.

"DE OLD MAN" goes to Denver in great shape, and his opportunity to make a silver record ought not to be neglected. Powerful as he is admitted to be as a tariff champion, his inimitable tariff address would soon be forgotten if he were to turn himself loose on bimetalism.

Gov. McKINLEY's private secretary demonstrates Col. Conger's tariff views as

"simply the braying of an ass." It is possible that Gov. McKinley is in the position of Balaam, who was so blind that he could not see what the humble ass saw. The Governor really ought to be very thankful to Col. Conger and give ear to wisdom.

SENATOR HILL struck a blow at the income tax when he got Senator Vest to accept the amendment exempting the President's salary from it, and this blow is the first effective one he has given the tax. He knows very well that any such exemptions bring the tax into contempt. Uncle Samuel's servants are well paid, and there is no reason why any of them, from the President down, should be exempt from taxation.

INTERVIEWS with a number of Senators and Representatives in Washington disclose only one opinion as to the future of the Indian Territory. The removal of the barriers to civilization and the assimilation of the Indians with the whites on the basis of equal citizenship is regarded as manifest destiny. The only question is whether the Indian shall help in this work or it shall be done wholly by Congress. The outcome of the negotiations of the Dawes Commission will probably decide this question.

## PRESIDENT CARNOT'S MURDER.

In the absence of definite information as to the motive of the assassin of President Carnot of France the object and meaning of yesterday's cruel murder in Lyons are matters of conjecture.

It was natural that at first guess the deed should be imputed to the Anarchists, who have been exceptionally active of late in France. But there is good reason to doubt the correctness of this conclusion. The assassin is an Italian, and had blood sufficient to cause ugly riots has long existed between the French and Italians, especially on the border and in the Mediterranean cities, where the races mingle. These facts make it strongly probable that the Italian who committed the murder was prompted by an insane idea of righting the wrongs of Italy or of wreaking patriotic vengeance by destroying the President of France.

It is fortunate for France that the assassin is a foreigner. It removes the greatest danger of internal dissensions and animosities which might threaten the stability of the Republic. But on the other hand, in the strained feeling existing between France and Italy there is a menace to the peace of Europe and the welfare of the French Republic in the act. The revengeful fury of the Lyons people towards the Italian residents indicates the danger from the excitability of the French people and the existence of revolutionary forces among them which are always ready to take advantage of public passion.

From every standpoint the assassination of the President is a heavy misfortune to France. Carnot had proved himself a strong, safe man, singularly lacking in selfish ambition, patriotic in motive and endowed with qualities most desirable in the head of the French Republic. The value of his conservative leadership has been demonstrated. His murder under the circumstances of the crisis of an election is most adverse to the Republic and advantageous to its enemies.

But there is reason to hope that the consequence of this awful crime will end with the punishment of the criminal. The Republic is more firmly established than it ever was, and has more friends of power and influence. The lesson of restraint has been deeply impressed on the French people, and the most of them are wedded to Republicanism. It is hardly likely that France will suffer more from this atrocity than the loss of a great and good President.

## OUR SOUTH AMERICAN COMPETITOR.

For years and years, whenever it has been said that we should be commercially liberal with Great Britain, the answer has been made by the friends of "American Industry" that though the British Islands were our best customers they could not help themselves and that they would always take our grain because to do otherwise would be to starve. We have been told this so much that we have almost begun to believe it. Nothing seems more natural to the greedy than that they may go hogging all the time and that there can be no possible remedy for the hoggee so long as the hogger chooses to follow his porcine instincts.

But now what do we see and hear? A Senator rises in his place, in the course of the debate designed to delay action on the tariff bill, and he points to "the great Argentine Republic, filled with an aggressive, active people, probably the best, the most vigorous population in any part of South America." These Argentines, hitherto wholly unknown to the promoters of the "American system," can, on their 1,200,000 square miles of territory, produce great crops of corn and wheat, and Senator appeals the Upper House with the warning that the Argentines bid fair, by reason of their opportunities for transportation by water, to land corn abroad and in this country cheaper than we can now produce it in the West and move it to the seaboard.

Now mark the ingenuity with which the protection Senator turns these facts to the support of the dishonest high tariff system. He would have the American farmer believe that because of the appearance of the great Argentine crops a high tariff must be placed on all grain imported to this country. If the farmer can be made to see that a high tariff is good for his grain he will of course see that the protected manufacturer must con-

dition to enjoy high-tariff benefits. The farmer and the manufacturer, standing upon their rights, will have an enormous demand upon them. The farmer is not expected to reason that an agricultural tariff will not sell a bushel of his grain in foreign markets; that it will help Argentine grain raise and throw our own product on the always glutted home market. The foreign market for American wheat checked the panic that began in 1893, and we may readily imagine the result of losing this market or any great part of it.

There is nothing, however, that the protectionists will not lay hold on to prop the falling fabric which is held up under the false name of "American Industry." The agricultural interest has been made a cat's-paw in the past, and its assistance is now more than ever necessary.

## FOUR COURTS JUSTICE.

Four Courts justice is once more exemplified in the Carroll homicide case, which has been allowed to drop because the Prosecuting Attorney cannot procure the attendance of any of the twenty-three witnesses who testified at the Coroner's inquest.

Six of the witnesses claimed to have seen the homicide committed. All of them acknowledged that they had no fixed place of abode. Their testimony was material and the Prosecuting Attorney must have known at the time, if he took the trouble to think about it at all, that without them it would be difficult to make a case. But it does not appear that any effort was made to detain them or insure their attendance. The hearing was postponed six times, at least four times by the prosecuting officer, and now the accused is released by the court. Mr. Dierkes says that he does not recall ever having put a witness under bond to appear; that such a precaution is not taken unless the witness seems to be unwilling to testify. But in this case precaution was suggested by the circumstances and the character of the witnesses. They were colored roustabouts, whose home was wherever they might happen to be and any man of common sense should have known that they could not be depended upon.

Postponements and changes of venue are the order of the day at the Four Courts, and when these cannot be procured official carelessness and neglect are relied upon by criminals. The proceedings of the Criminal Courts of St. Louis are coming to be a costly burlesque. They are neither a terror to evil doers nor a protection to law-abiding citizens. It is out of such conditions that the rough and ready methods of impromptu justice grow, and unless the remedy is applied it will not be surprising if the community is some day disgraced by an appeal to lynch law.

It now appears that the Illinois State Democratic Convention, which meets at Springfield next Wednesday, will nominate a candidate for the Senatorship, although there is strong opposition from the Cook County wing of the party. The opponents of this mode of choosing Senatorial candidates are sacrificing the lasting political welfare of themselves and their party for a temporary factional advantage. Convention nominations practically take the choice out of the hands of Legislatures and prevent the wholesome corruption which has come to be an incident of Senatorial elections in many States. It is a first step towards popular elections, and to oppose it is to go counter to a strong and growing sentiment, a foolish disregard of Democratic feeling.

WHERE are the books, the dramabooks, The books of Ziegenheim?  
 O where in the base have they found a place  
 And why do they make no sign?  
 O dramabooks, you hiding books,  
 Come back to your Ziegenheim!  
 Come out of the stark, mysterious dark  
 And labyrinthine mine!

TOUGH-MAN-OUT-OF-JOB will feel more savage than ever when he reads that Miss Frances E. Willard, who has just been made L.L.D., says: "I believe women will bless and brighten every place they enter, and they will enter every place, too."

Mrs. FRANKER of Indiana has had eleven husbands, but has refrained from matrimony for several years, believing that hasty marriages bring repentance. She says "A woman risks her whole happiness when she leaves the single state."

BOSS CROCKER spoke like a true American when he said of some delinquent European agents, "Bosses of equal heauty is not rare in America." There are some Americans who are not so grateful for their prosperity as the Boss seems to be.

It is a little hard on the British Home Secretary, so recently married, to be hurried off to attend a royal baby party. Conscience as we are of the shortcomings of our Republic, we cannot help laughing at John Bull's royal scheme.

WARD McALLISTER is telling the summer girls what to do. Since Capt. Jinks, who taught young ladies how to dance, there has been no such adviser for young ladies as Mr. McAllister.

After reading A. C.'s figures in the Forum St. Louis may well exclaim: O nature! we'd not strain thy law,  
 But give us one more Henry Shaw.

The Governor of Colorado did not wait to order a reward for the tormentors of Tarnsey. His chief regret, doubtless, is that they did not get the Governor himself.

The ladies were allowed the last opportunity to greet Col. Breckinridge at Monterey, Ky. Comment of the American people: "Gawdithens!"

A WRECK in a haystack is a belting prominence compared with the Ziegenheim books.

You may ask a man where he got his hat, but his money is another thing.—Crocker.

EVEREST'S excitement in a high pitch in Colorado when no such feat is used.

The grandeur of President Carnot voted to guillotine King Louis.

## SLAIN BY REQUEST.

Francois Bertholder's Reason for Murdering Old Man Blanchard.

## COURAGE ENOUGH TO BE KILLED, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

Given 1,800 Francs to Commit the Deed—Peppermint and Absinthe—The Doomed Man's Eyes Bandaged—"Strike Me in the Temple and on the Jugular"—A Most Extraordinary Criminal Affair.

PARIS, June 25.—The Assize Court at Aix-les-Bains has just heard one of the most extraordinary cases which can be found in the annals of crime. The accused was a boy in years of age named Francois Bertholder, who was charged with the murder of an old man named Blanchard. Bertholder did not deny the crime, but made the curious defense that he had killed his victim not only with the latter's consent, but in response to his pleading requests. The following extract from his examination by the President of the court gives his version of the crime:

"On the day of the arrival of the steamer, I went to Lyons. On the way he told me how miserable he was and how much he desired to end his life. For several hours he tried to persuade me to do it with him. I refused. He said that he had no religion, and that he had religious scruples. Two days later he came to my room and awakened me, saying: 'Francois, I count on you for to-day. I want to get it over before the evening. I was very much astonished. He said: 'I will sign for you for 1,800 francs, which you will get from my notary at Carpentras. Then he gave me a knife and a bottle of absinthe. He said: 'This sum of 1,800 francs caused you to consent?'

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In a cruise stop on the east-bound express approach. The engineer blew his whistle as the train, however, and the train was not stopped. John Viter, a Pole, was drowned in the late at the head of North Water street while bathing. He leaves a widow and nine children.

This John Williamson was driving last night his horse back right and ran away. Williamson was thrown out on his head and probably fatally hurt. Christopher Goodrich, a brakeman employed by the Port Wayne company was instantly killed while standing on a freight car between the drawbars and squeaked to death.

## FORCED TO IMPROVE HIS SERVICE.

Result of the Canadian Pacific Combination's Aggressive Policy.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—A morning paper says that the aggressive policy of the Canadian Pacific combination, which has taken away much freight and passenger patronage from the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co., has forced the latter corporation to prepare to improve its service greatly. The steamers, de here from Yokohama, will not return to Asia, but will proceed to England, where their cabins will be refitted and their engines replaced by powerful machinery, which will drive the vessel at the rate of fifteen or eighteen knots an hour. The steamers Gaelic and Celtic will follow the Occidental to undergo similar alterations. In November the fine steamer Celtic will be replaced by the Occidental. The Celtic now runs between New Zealand and London. The three O. & O. steamers mentioned are chartered from the White Star Steamship Co. In speed and superb accommodations these vessels will be made equal to the best of the "Empresses" of the Canadian Pacific fleet.

## CROCKER'S RETURN.

The Topic of Discussion Among New York Politicians.

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